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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In the Southeast, prices were higher on mediums. Most other prices were generally unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies of the larger sizes ranged adequate to available while mediums were noted as closely balanced for trade requirements. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for sufficient supplies. Light type hens were at least adequate for normal to heavy processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for normal to instances heavy processing schedules.

MIDWEST Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady with mediums in the best position. Retail demand was light to usually moderate with features providing the best interest. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with mediums reported as close in some areas. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was quiet as breakers assess current needs. Offerings of heavy nest runs were light to nonexistent with heavy graded product continuing to find its way into breaking channels. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Supplies generally available.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on mediums and generally unchanged on the larger sizes. The market tone was usually steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate, best where limited features were planned or in progress for this week. Supplies of mediums ranged adequate to close while larger sizes were available for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending April 19, 2002 was 49.78 cents, 6.43 cents less than a week earlier and 23.20 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient and demand was moderate. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair demand.

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 9% higher than last Monday with California up 10% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 8%. Retailer demand moderate to good, best to cover features. Offerings in good balance.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to those on Friday. The market tone was steady entering the week. Retail demand was mostly fair to moderate, with limited feature activity planned or in progress. Supplies ranged adequate to close at current levels.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	91-93	80-82	68-70
New York	54-58	52-56	48-52
Philadelphia	52-56	51-54	46-50

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	44-48	42-45	37.5-41
Jackson (1)	51-53	48-50	42-44
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-63	50-60	45-56

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	45-49	43-47	38-42
Detroit (2)	41-46	40-45	38-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	43-47	42-45	36-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	44-51	43-49	38-43

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	63-73	60-68	56-65
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	81	76	71

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 10% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings held confidently. Small benchmark price 51. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large 18 pack 159, large dozen and 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 89, 3 for \$2, 18 pack 98-129.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	84
EXTRA LARGE	81
LARGE	76
MEDIUM	71

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	179-199

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-289
EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	173-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 26, 2002 will decrease by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 19, 2002 were 286,415 cases which was 15 percent above the prior week and 12 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	239,754	46,661	286,415
% change from the			
prior week.....	+16	+9	+15

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were higher. Demand was quiet as breakers assess current needs. Offerings of heavy nest runs were light to non-existent with heavy graded product continuing to find its way into breaking channels. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	27-30	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was fair for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate with processing schedules providing fully adequate supplies of product. Trade sentiment was barely steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-APR-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
			AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-12 CENTS/LB.	7-9	8.92
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Offerings increased in availability and clearances were irregular. The undertone was cautiously steady.
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FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-APR-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
			AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.63
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 22, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.4	14.7	9.3	11.0	10.5	54.9
	Change	-1.9	-2.9	-0.2	-1.6	-0.2	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.1	46.4	14.5	23.1	26.8	138.9
	Change	5.0	-3.9	3.3	-3.8	1.0	1%
Large	Curr Wk	51.2	119.0	62.4	71.8	82.1	386.5
	Change	13.0	-8.4	-1.4	-6.5	2.6	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	45.9	19.5	17.2	34.4	131.7
	Change	3.9	8.6	1.5	-1.0	11.5	23%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	5.0	2.3	4.4	9.8	25.1
	Change	-0.6	-0.1	-2.4	0.9	0.2	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	16.8	6.5	14.2	6.7	48.1
	Change	0.0	-0.4	-1.1	1.1	-0.8	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.3	61.3	31.7	29.9	32.6	170.8
	Change	-2.6	10.2	-7.6	4.6	2.9	5%
Total	Curr Wk	126.2	309.1	146.2	171.6	202.9	956.0
Percent	Change	15%	1%	-5%	-4%	9%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	956.0	2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	276.0	2%	38
Total Shell Egg	1232.0	2%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 08, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 08, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 19, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								18.00				FUTURE LOADS								12.00				TOTAL LOADS								30.00			
SE								NE				MW				LOADS				SC				NW				SW				LOADS			
CLASS		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		CLASS		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		ORG		DST					
GNR W 1		29.00		31.00		—		—		—		—		3.00		GL W XL		34.00		—		—		—		41.88		2.00							
GNR W 2		—		37.00		34.50		—		34.00		—		4.00		GL W LG		—		—		48.50		—		44.00		2.75							
GNR W 3		—		—		—		—		27.00		29.00		2.00		GL W MD		34.50		—		—		—		37.25		2.00							
GL W XL		—		—		36.50		38.50		35.00		—		3.75																					
GL W LG		—		38.00		35.00		—		36.73		—		5.75																					
GL W MD		—		—		—		—		27.00		—		2.00																					
NRBS - 48		—		—		27.50		28.50		—		—		6.50																					
NRBS - 45		—		—		25.50		26.50		—		—		.75																					

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/15/02-04/19/02

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
79.50				49.75				129.25							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		MW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	29.75	32.50	29.33	32.00	33.50	34.07	25.00	GNR W 1	32.00	37.50	—	—	—	39.00	3.00
GNR W 2	—	34.86	34.50	—	33.60	28.00	10.50	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	27.00	29.00	4.00	GNR BR 1	42.00	—	—	52.00	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	31.25	34.00	—	38.00	4.00	GL W J	38.00	—	—	—	—	48.00	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	39.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	33.53	35.00	—	—	—	42.06	11.50
GL W XL	—	38.76	37.15	39.16	34.27	—	31.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	48.50	—	42.94	16.25
GL W LG	—	38.29	34.75	34.59	33.68	35.00	29.75	GL W MD	32.10	31.00	—	—	36.00	37.60	10.25
GL W MD	—	37.25	33.65	35.45	27.86	—	12.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W SM	23.00	25.00	22.00	23.50	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 42	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.50	28.50	31.00	28.53	38.50								
NRBS - 45	—	—	25.50	26.50	—	—	.75								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	23.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	16.50	4.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 04/07/02 - 04/13/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	607	607
Colorado	0	1,620	4,708	6,328
Georgia	0	0	930	930
Illinois	0	0	660	660
Indiana	0	0	260	260
Iowa	3,270	3,210	35,335	41,815
Michigan	0	0	2,466	2,466
Minnesota	0	1,620	6,487	8,107
Missouri	0	0	8,920	8,920
Ohio	0	0	3,420	3,420
Oregon	2,225	957	0	3,182
Texas	0	0	1,560	1,560
Utah	810	4,600	5,382	10,792
Washington	0	0	1,700	1,700
Wisconsin	0	0	6,082	6,082
TOTAL	6,305	12,007	78,517	96,829

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	72-75	61-64	49-52	25-28

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 4/7/02-4/13/02
 30-dozen cases 6,726
 Receipts from the mainland: 3/31/02-4/6/02
 30-dozen cases 6,916

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
47-57	40-44	38-43	36-39	25-29

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
64.57	62.27	56.88	46.27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
24-27	19-23	7-10

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/15/02	04/08/02	04/16/01
PACIFIC COAST	193	105	162
LOS ANGELES	155	65	130

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